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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Kevin P. Dockery, et al

ELEMENT FOR PROTEIN  
MICROARRAYS

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND ELECTION OF SPECIES**

In response to the Office Action of October 3, 2005, Applicants  
provide the following response.

Applicants note that it is indicated in the Office Action that a call was  
made to Applicants' attorney on September 23, 2005. Applicants' attorney received  
no message and has no recollection or notation indicating receipt of such a call.

Restriction between group 1, claims 1-16, and Group II, claims 17-27,  
is requested. Group I is directed to an element having a surface to which are attached  
a plurality of piperazine functional groups of Formula I. Group II is directed to an  
element having a surface to which are attached a plurality of piperazine functional  
groups, a polymer, and a crosslinking compound A-L-B. Applicants traverse the  
restriction requirement as follows.

Group I is a subset of Group II, and the subject matter of claim 1 is set  
forth in claim 20, dependent from claim 17, in Group II. Thus, searching for all